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VALUABLE Liaison Report
16 December 1954 - 15 January 1955

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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Action Requested: [] follow up on article stocks

Synopsis:

- a. Routine meetings held on 29 December and 11 January.
- b. VALUABLE views on Guattlebaum, AIQUAD, and RNBRANDY expressed.
- c. [] acknowledges VALUABLE obtained Spahiu's pasaporte in Athens.
- d. Delivery of VALUABLE article stocks.

Account of Developments:

1. Usual liaison activity continued between this desk and VALUABLE during the reporting period. Courtesy visits to deliver Christmas cards were paid by [] on 17 December and by [] on the 21st of the month. At the first contact [] passed a suggested text for OBTEST/OBTUSE use.

2. On 29 December [] called and a thorough review of three specific cases which are upsetting VALUABLE was held. Prior to discussing these problems [] was advised of the arrival of a portion of the VALUABLE article stocks and was informed over half of these goods were in good condition. Copies of the January OBKEEK and a translation of its contents were passed. The long standing "problems" between VALUABLE and this desk boil down to a criticism of action we have taken with respect to AIQUAD, Guattlebaum, and RNBRANDY. In the case of AIQUAD [] believes we have simply acted without regard to the man's feelings and have been holding him in Athens without real grounds against his will. The other cases are more serious. [] feels we have blundered in our action and thinks this has hurt our standing with the emigration and that of his government on the basis of open association with us on Albanian matters. [] was told that we would take the matter of AIQUAD's continued stay in Greece up with our headquarters as we had not obtained hoped for results and no longer could expect him to hang around indefinitely. However, [] pointed out his lot had not been at all bad here in relation to many of his countrymen and that we had never stood

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in the way of his emigration and that we were actually helping him on this matter. [] volunteered AIQUAD was grateful for assistance and his ORT school technical training but he would prefer Austria. [] admitted ALLAKE, who is AIQUAD's close friend from Belgrade days, was perfectly free to leave Greece anytime during the past eight months. Regarding Guattlebaum, [] was told we were bystanders on this case and if the Greeks wanted to release him from Syros that was their affair. To back this stand [] stated as was done previously he would not pose any objections if VALUABLE raised the matter with []. It is understood Guattlebaum would formally agree to refrain from political activity and also understood [] believes [] is taking on quite a commitment in sponsoring the release of this Hapgood follower. As for RNEBRANDY, [] promised careful scrutiny of the case and let the matter go at that when it became obvious that [] grounds for intervention were personal and that he personally discounted all possibility of the man being an enemy agent without any regard to the man's unwillingness to clear his name.

3. On 11 January [] visited our offices for the last time during the report period. He had no messages for HTNEIGH in Rome but submitted another PW text. He was advised we had put the matter of AIQUAD up to higher authority, whereupon [] asked if we might be able to fly AIQUAD and ALLAKE to Austria if both were released. No encouragement was given on this question. Spahiu's pasaporte (DIR 31405) was the last matter discussed as the writer was anxious to confirm VALUABLE had this document on hand at one time for photographing. [] stated openly a pasaporte had been received on a loan basis "from the Greeks" and though he could not remember the identity of its former owner he was sure that the photographs the writer was referring to originated in Athens. I explained this was one of the pasportes we had not been able to track down. [] believes the pasaporte is a genuine change in basic documentation and also thinks the changeover process will not be completed for some months to come.

4. It is hoped that delivery of the VALUABLE article stocks remaining in London will not present any sort of a problem and that [] will be able to follow up on second reference without difficulty.

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